

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Health Department Laboratories

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**SUBJECT:** Aptima Multitest Swab Collection Kit Replacement for Rectal and Throat Swabs for CT/GC Testing

**NOTICE: CHANGE IN SPECIMEN COLLECTION DEVICE**

Aptima Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kits should now be used to collect specimens from vaginal, throat, and rectal sources. The transition to Aptima Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kits is the result of recent FDA approval of clinician-collected throat and rectal samples as specimen types for detection of *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhea*. The Aptima Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kits will replace the Aptima Unisex Swab Specimen Collection Kits previously issued for collection of CT/GC testing of throat and rectal sources and you may begin using the Multitest Swab kits immediately. You should continue to use Aptima Unisex Swab Specimen Collection Kits for collection of endocervical and urethral specimens. Beginning August 1, 2019, only the source/collection kit combinations below will be accepted for CT/GC Testing.

Aptima Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kits can be requested from our shipping department using the current lab supply requisition by marking Chlamydia/Gonorrhea (Gen-Probe) Multitest Kit. If you have any questions, please contact Lindsay Jolly, Serology Supervisor, at 615-262-6375 or [lindsay.jolly@tn.gov](mailto:lindsay.jolly@tn.gov).

Source	Collection Kit	Label/Swab Color
Endocervical	Aptima Unisex Swab Specimen Collection Kit	Blue
Urethral	Aptima Unisex Swab Specimen Collection Kit	Blue
Urine	Aptima Urine Collection Kit	Yellow
Rectal	Aptima Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit	Orange
Throat	Aptima Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit	Orange
Vaginal	Aptima Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit	Orange

